

**Minutes of the Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association
Business Meeting: March 14, 2019**

Present were: David Lee, Dale Brinkley, Bobby Lee, Clayton Walden, Sarah Andrews, Rosemary Klein, Steven Stratton, Lisa Walker, Patrick Smith, and May Lingner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, and we said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting were read and approved; motion to accept by May, seconded by Sarah.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Lisa, who also discussed Bylaws and the new Fiscal Year, which begins in February. The Treasurer's Report was approved; motion to accept by Rosemary, seconded by Steve.

Committee Reports:

Program Committee - Upcoming programs were discussed as follows:

Nick Humphrey, founder of Cheatham County Diggers will be presenting at the Spring Social in April, and Clayton's World War II presentation, which is coming up in July was also discussed.

The Town of Ashland City was incorporated in 1859, so this year will (2019) will mark its 160th anniversary of incorporation. Lisa stated that there are plans to meet with the Forrest Hill Cemetery Board to discuss having an event in September (possibly on the 15th). Steve indicated that the board will be meeting on the 25th of March, and Pat and Lisa will also plan to attend the meeting to make a presentation. Entertainment for the event will include live music and historical characters representing people who were buried at the cemetery. Research will be done by members, and a script will be compiled. Transportation to the event was discussed, and the possibility of using vans for that purpose. A limited amount of tickets will be sold, and visitors will attend in groups. Proceeds from the event will be divided equally, with one half going to CCHGA, and one half going to the Forrest Hill Cemetery Association.

Music on Main will be held in October, and the CCHGA Annual Bake Sale will be held in November.

Rosemary proposed the possibility of having a program on Horatio Spafford in the near future. More information to follow at a later date.

Membership committee - Lisa stated that there are currently 156 members, and only 122 of those members live in Tennessee. She also reported that 75 members receive the CCHGA Newsletter via email, and the remainder by regular mail. Also to note; the "PALS" Chapter of CCHGA is the only chapter still in existence, as all the others have folded over recent years.

Old Business:

Final details of the Spring Social were discussed. Dale agreed to be the point person for Nick, and May agreed to coordinate the room set-up.

Newsletters are quarterly, and the last one came out this month (March). E-Newsletters are sent via "Mail Chimp." Lisa stated that help with and contributions to the newsletter are needed.

Lisa reported that the military foot locker was transferred to the Fredonia Center, and that they were very pleased to receive it.

New Business:

The re-establishment of Standing Committees was deferred to the next meeting in May, and will be added to that agenda. Standing Committees are as follows:

- Membership
- Finance
- Program
- Building and Grounds
- Genealogical (All members serve on this committee)
- Historical
- Artifacts

Lisa will send out information on committees via email for members to review.

Pat and Lisa reminded all of the upcoming Kiwanis fundraiser, which will be held this Saturday (March 16th). The Pancake Breakfast will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 am. The “Character Walk” begins at 9:00 am. Lisa stated that the CCHGA office and Museum will be open during the event, and CCHGA will have a table set up as well.

Buttons - Gentry Seagraves of Ashland City Artworks offered to make more free buttons, so members should be thinking of ideas for statements or designs we might like to have on them.

Flags - Lisa stated that when CCHGA was formed, there was a flag design contest for a County Flag. Judge Bill Baker won the contest for the design. We are now running low on flags and need more. Lisa is working on this with Gentry at Ashland City Artworks.

Old Ashland City Bank - New owner will be having an open house. Patsy Perry brought some of her Dad’s items, which were contained in an Ashland City Bank Bag, and donated them to CCHGA.

Museum Work Day set for April 13, 2019 from 10:00 am until? - Organization of the workroom - Lisa would like to train office volunteers.

Preservation and storage of the AC Times newspaper books was discussed. May offered to help with this.

Dale suggested documenting / chronicling the recent CCHS Girl’s Basketball Championship Win.

David Lee gave an update on the Braxton Lee Heritage Foundation, and handed out copies of their most recent progress update to members. The Foundation has offered to give the Town of Ashland City land for a new City Hall. They have also received their tax exempt status, so they are now able to begin fundraising. There will be an informational meeting, open to members of the community, presented by the Foundation on Monday, March 18th, at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be located at the Senior Center at Ashland City. David asked that we all show our support by contacting the Ashland City Mayor, and members of the City Council.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

May Lingner, Secretary